

Last week there was a ton of information. This week there is still some significant news, just not as much. Here we go:

- 1) Training – Here is the training we have had recently or will have soon:
 - a. June Trainings – those trainings were videotaped and now are available at the following link:
<http://www.mistreamnet.com/vidflv.php?who=mde.usda.newmeal1.050612n01>.
 - b. August Training – three day training session - August 21-23 (Day 1 – New Meal Pattern and 6 Cent Certification, Day 2-3 – School Meals Program Requirements Training for Directors). While both in-person and live streaming options are full, we will be videotaping these presentations and will be posting to our website for you to watch at your convenience.
 - c. September/October Training – sometime during late September or early October we are planning on repeating our August training. At this point we are working through contractual issues and will let you know when we have that in place.
 - d. The 6 Cent Cert Team – we now have a team of about 10 people trained to help on certifying menus. They are currently contacting their local ISDs to check the availability of computer labs where we could have “live” training on the 6 Cent rule. We again, will keep you posted.
- 2) New USDA 6 Cent Certification Information – I just received a link to additional information we received from USDA including videos on the 6 Cent Certification process. Not all of the information is new as we have posted some of these worksheets in the past. However, the video and other materials may be of assistance to you. Here is the link:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Legislation/certificationofcompliance.htm>.
- 3) On-Site Reviews - For information on the On-Site Review for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Afterschool Snack Program, please see Food Service Administrative Policy No. 3 – School Year 2012-2013 at the following link:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/3_On-Site_Review_w_attachments_revised_7_2012_394446_7.pdf.
- 4) For important information on civil rights compliance requirements for participation in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Afterschool Snack Program, and Special Milk Program, please see Food Service Administrative Policy No. 4 - School Year 2012 - 2013 at the following link:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/4_Civil_Rights_Compliance_Requirements_394447_7.pdf

- 5) MEGS+ School Nutrition Programs (SNP) Application – We apologize for the extra time and frustration the field is having in completing the SNP Application for the 2012-2013 school year. We continue to work with our IT colleagues to resolve the new and recurring problems you are experiencing. Despite the technical problems, we still encourage everyone to try to complete the application by September 14, 2012.
- 6) Group Menu Certifications – We have heard that many groups (county ISDs, area food service directors, companies, etc.) are working on standardized menus for the 6 Cent Certification process. This is a great way to help certify your menus IF they are representative of the food service programs you are serving in your various schools and meet requirements. For example, submitting an elementary menu with only one entrée while your school actually offers 3 entrees to select from is not acceptable. This could be even a larger challenge at high schools where some high schools serve 2 or 3 entrees while some serve over 20 different entrees.
- 7) 6 Cent Certification Progress – Nearly 150 districts have started their 6 Cent Certification applications within MEGS+, but we don't have any actual submissions. Who will be first? Special recognition to the first approved submission.

I know it is a busy time for everyone preparing for this very unique school year. Best wishes for the start of your school year.

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